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SUBJECT: ATECH GROUP, INC., 419 WHALLEY AVE., NEW HAVEN, CONN.

06511, TEL: (203) 777-7421

1. COMPLETE BACKGROUND ON SUBJECT FIRM IS REQUESTED. RONALD F. NOBLE, EXECUTIVE VP OF FIRM, AND (FNU) CHRISTIANSEN (AGRICULTURAL TECHNICIAN) WERE IN LIBERIA LAST FALL AND PROPOSED TO MINISTRY OF DEFENSE 5-YEAR, MULTIMILLION DOLLAR INTEGRATED PROGRAM FOR PRODUCTION, DISTRIBUTION AND SALE OF RICE AND OTHER CROPS AND LIVESTOCK. PROJECT WOULD BE LOCATED IN UPPER BONG COUNTY ON GOVERNMENT-OWNED LAND. TROOPS WOULD SUPPLY NEEDED LABOR. CADRE OF 50 EXPATRIATES WOULD PROVIDE EXPERTISE. TECHNICAL FEASIBILITY OF ATECH'S PROPOSAL IS BEING STUDIED BY MINISTRIES OF FINANCE, PLANNING, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND AGRICULTURE. THE PROJECT IS REPORTEDLY OUTGROWTH OF MINISTRY OF DEFENSE'S CIVIC ACTION PROGRAM.

2. DURING THEIR STAY IN LIBERIA THE TWO ATECH OFFICIALS CALLED ON AGATT AND USAID OFFICIALS, BUT FOR MOST PART KEPT TO THEMSELVES. NO ONE IN U.S. MISSION HAS SEEN THEIR WRITTEN PROPOSAL.

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3. FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF FIRM IS BEING QUESTIONED SINCE NOBLE'S CHECK FOR \$2,278.00 DRAWN ON CONNECTICUT BANK AND TRUST OF NEW HAVEN IN FAVOR OF LOCAL JEWELER WAS RETURNED FOR INSUFFICIENT FUNDS. EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT NOBLE WILL BE RETURNING TO MORNNOVIA IN FEW WEEKS. CARTER

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